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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Dear Sir:

The Applicant respectfully petitions that the above-referenced patent application be given special status and examined out of turn pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.102(c). The Affidavit of Yoav Rosen, which sets out the reasons why the Applicant believes that the invention will lead to the preservation of the natural environment and will materially enhance the quality of the environment, is attached. No fee is required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.102(c).

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if that would assist in resolving any issues.

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Affidavit of Yoav Rosen

Yoav Rosen, deposes and states:

1. I am the president of WaveWalk, Inc., and the inventor of the above-referenced invention.

Introduction

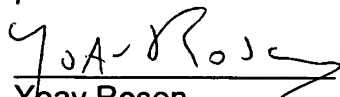
2. My invention is a watercraft that can be used for pollution-free travel on water. It will help maintain the environment because it does not cause any chemical, noise, or other pollution, or require the use of any polluting or motorized machinery.
3. Additionally, my invention is accessible to a much larger segment of the population than previously-known pollution-free watercraft for the reasons stated below.
4. Therefore, I believe that the commercialization of my invention will likely result in preservation of the natural environment and decrease in pollution.

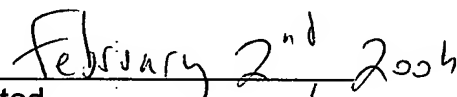
Reasons Why My Invention Will Lead To The Preservation Of The Natural Environment and a Decrease in Pollution

5. Previously, in order to propel oneself in water, one had two substantial choices: (a) driving a motorized vehicle through the body of water, or (b) using a boat that was not motorized but that required the user to be in superb athletic shape.
6. First, motorized vehicles with combustion engines pollute the environment because they burn fuel and leak oil. If the motorized boat is damaged, it can wreak further havoc on the environment through additional oil and fuel spillage into the water. Even when functioning properly, motorized boats are very loud and disturb wildlife in our ecosystem. In fact, the federal government recently found a type of motorized watercraft is too environmentally disruptive to be allowed in wildlife reserves. Electric motors are environmentally hazardous because they often leak toxic acid, and in case of swamping the battery contains highly toxic materials that can be disastrous to the environment.
7. Second, prior human powered boats, such as kayaks, canoes and rowboats, can only be used by people with strong athletic arms or who are otherwise in athletic shape.

8. Unlike previous water transportation devices, my invention can be used in any of a sitting, standing, riding, kneeling or recumbent position. The watercraft is particularly stable and highly adapted for use in a variety of ergonomic positions.
9. It is therefore possible for users to easily switch between several comfortable positions when a part of their body becomes tired or sore, while other devices do not afford this possibility. Thus, for example, a user who gets tired of paddling in a sitting position, can stand up and paddle standing up.
10. Many Americans have sedentary lifestyles, are overweight or obese, and some suffer from repetitive stress injuries. As a result, many Americans suffer from back, neck, shoulder and/or arm pain/weakness. People with these conditions generally cannot use the prior non-motorized boats and are forced to use motorized boats.
11. Unlike previous water transportation devices, my invention is easy to use for people who are not in superb athletic shape or who have upper body pain or weakness because they can easily switch positions.
12. Unlike previous small paddleboats, my invention enables anyone to stand comfortably and even paddle in this position. Thus, it gives people the possibility to switch from bigger, motorized boats to a small, human-powered boat without losing the capability to stand, which is extremely important for outdoor sports and recreational activities, E.G. Skiing, water skiing, fishing, sailing, surfing and boardsailing (windsurfing).
13. I therefore believe that the commercial availability of my invention will lead to a reduction in the use of polluting motorized watercrafts.
14. Based on the foregoing, I believe that use of my invention will help to maintain and preserve the environment. It will also improve the environment by causing a decrease in the numbers of people who using polluting methods of water transportation.
15. I therefore respectfully request that the Patent and Trademark Office accord my application special status and examine it out of turn.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


Yoav Rosen


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